

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Allowable subject matter is found in claims 8, 12 and 13. These claims would be allowed if amended to independent form. Claims 1, 15, 17 and 19 have been amended to include the allowable features of claim 8. Claims 14, 16, 18 and 20 have been cancelled herein.

The IDS of December 16, 2001 is objected to because the Examiner states that the 1449 Form is missing. Another copy of the 1449 Form and IDS are enclosed herewith for consideration by the Examiner. For convenience, another copy of the cited reference is also enclosed.

Claim 12 has been objected to for a minor spelling informality which has been corrected herein. Also in claim 1, the "for collecting traffic information all" was amended to "for collecting traffic information of all."

In addition, the "to the other nodes" is changed to "to other nodes" in claims 1, 15, 17 and 19.

Claims 1, 6, 10-11, and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102 (b) as being anticipated by Ahmadi et al. (US 5,289,462). Claims 2-5 and 7 are rejected as unpatentable over Ahmadi.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the combination of Ahmadi in view of Callon (US 5,600,794).

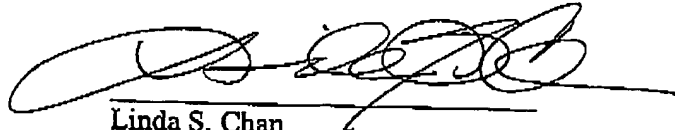
Applicant's remaining independent claims include the allowable features of claim 8. It is respectfully submitted the rejection of claims 1-7, 9-13, 15, 17 and 19 has been traversed.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider

this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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